

HOUSE BILL 50

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AN ACT to name the visitor center at the Carter House
Historic Site in Franklin in honor of the late Herbert
L. Harper.

WHEREAS, the Carter House State Historic Site, located at 1140 Columbia Avenue in Franklin, is one of the state-owned historic sites under the authority of the Tennessee Historical Commission; and

WHEREAS, a new 3.5 million dollar, state-of-the-art visitor center has been approved as a capital project of the Tennessee Historical Commission and the State of Tennessee and is slated for construction in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the late Herbert L. Harper joined the staff of the Tennessee Historical Commission in August 1969 as a field service representative and served as interim executive director from 1973-1974 before becoming executive director in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harper served as executive director of the Commission from 1975 until he retired in October 2006, also serving as state historic preservation officer or deputy state historic preservation officer during the entirety of that period; and

WHEREAS, even prior to his employment by the Tennessee Historical Commission, Mr. Harper was particularly devoted to the Carter House State Historic Site and was a loyal supporter of the site for decades; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Historical Commission has petitioned this legislative body to name the new visitor center at the Carter House Historic Site in honor of the late Mr. Harper as a fitting tribute to his thirty-six years of dedicated service to the Tennessee Historical Commission, including his thirty-two years as its executive director; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the new visitor center to be constructed at the Carter House Historic Site in Franklin is hereby named in honor of the late Herbert L. Harper in recognition of his thirty-six years of distinguished service to the Tennessee Historic Commission in general and his stalwart support of the Carter House Historic Site in particular.

SECTION 2. The Tennessee Historical Commission is directed to cause the erection of suitable signs reflecting the designation provided for in Section 1.

SECTION 3. The general assembly recognizes that the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs shall be borne by the Tennessee Historical Commission from within its existing resources.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.